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Applicants: Philippe Seguela, et al.
Serial No.: 09/530,233
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For: DNA ENCODING A HUMAN PROTON-GATED ION CHANNEL AND USES THEREOF
Group Art Unit: 1646
Examiner: M. Pak

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the March 13, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified case, Applicants elect restriction Group I (claims 16 - 21) without prejudice to the eventual filing of a divisional application on restriction Groups II, III or IV. Applicants neither agree nor acquiesce with the Examiner's characterization of prior art references.

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